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### Grain and Feed

### Final Rice Tender Results

### 2003

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**Report Highlights:**

On October 22, 2003, Taiwan completed tendering for all 94,068 metric tons of public sector rice imports. The United States had a 74 percent share, followed by Egypt with 11 percent, Australia 8 percent, and Thailand 6 percent. All rice in the last tender was contracted for delivery by January 31, 2004. The tender for 8,000 metric tons of short grain brown rice was awarded to an Egyptian rice supplier at NT\$15,266/mt or \$449/mt, the tender for 10,068 metric tons of medium grain brown rice was awarded to an U.S. supplier at NT\$16,730/mt or \$492/mt, and the tender for 2,000 metric tons of long grain brown rice was awarded to a Thai supplier at NT\$15,688/mt or \$461/mt.

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## **The Results of the 8<sup>th</sup> Rice Tender**

***Tender GF4-920289 for 10,068 mt of Medium Grain Brown:*** Four bidders, all representing U.S. suppliers, competed for the tender. The U.S. suppliers all passed the technical bidding phase. The tender was awarded at NT\$16,730/mt or \$492/mt, which was NT\$17/mt or \$0.50/mt cheaper than the last medium grain tender.

***Tender GF4-920288 for 8,000 mt Short Grain Brown:*** Four bidders, one representing Australian rice suppliers and remainder representing Egyptian rice, participated in the short grain tender. Two Egyptian rice samples failed in the technical bid, leaving two other two bidders to compete for the tender. The tender for 8,000 metric tons of short grain brown rice was awarded to an Egyptian rice supplier at NT\$15,266/mt or \$449/mt.

***Tender GF4-920290 for 2,000 mt of Long Grain Brown:*** Four bidders, all representing Thai suppliers, competed for the tender. Only one sample failed in the technical bid. With three bidders remaining, the tender was still competitive. Consequently, the tender was awarded at NT\$15,688/mt or \$461/mt. This was NT\$625/mt or \$18.38/mt cheaper than the last long grain tender.

(Current exchange rate is U.S.\$1=NT\$34.00 on October 22, 2003.)

### **Summary of the 2003 Public Rice Tenders**

By October 22, Taiwan completed and contracted for all 2003 rice tenders for public imports, totaling 94,068 metric tons on a brown rice basis. The United States had a 74 percent share, followed by Egypt with 11 percent, Australia 8 percent, and Thailand 6 percent. See the table next page for a detailed breakdown of 2003 tender results.

U.S. suppliers won all eight tenders for medium grain brown, totaling 70,068 metric tons. This accounts for 74 percent of the 2003 total public rice imports.

Taiwan tendered for a total of 18,000 metric tons of short grain brown rice, accounting for 19 percent of the total public import quota. Of this total, Egypt had a 56 percent share while Australia took 44 percent.

Thailand supplied all eight seven tenders for long grain brown rice, amounting to 6,000 mt. This accounts for 6 percent of the total 2003 total public rice imports.

**TABLE - Results and Schedules for the 2003 Public Rice Tenders (brown basis)**

<b>Tender Number</b>	<b>Quantity/Type/Price</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Awarded by Origin</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> (GF4-920042)	5,000 mt of medium brown at NT\$13,815/mt (\$397/mt)	March 18	U.S.
2 <sup>nd</sup> + 3 <sup>rd</sup> (GF4-920147 & GF4-920148) Note: The 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> tenders combined	14,000 mt of medium brown at NT\$14,633/mt (\$421/mt)  2,000 mt of short brown at NT\$13,959/mt (\$402/mt)	May 30	Medium Grain-U.S.  Short Grain-Egypt
4 <sup>th</sup> (GF4-920185-1)	10,000 mt of medium brown at NT\$15,510/mt (\$450/mt)	July 18	U.S.
5 <sup>th</sup> (GF4-920209)	10,000 mt of medium brown at NT\$15,801/mt (\$459/mt)	July 25	U.S.
6 <sup>th</sup> (GF4-920241 & GF4-920242)	11,000 mt of medium brown at NT\$16,669/mt (\$487/mt)  2,000 mt of long brown at NT\$16,616/mt (\$485/mt)	August 26	Medium Grain-U.S.  Long Grain-Thailand
7 <sup>th</sup> (GF4-920264-1, GF4-920265, & GF4-920266)	8,000 mt of short brown at NT\$19,134/mt (\$562/mt)  10,000 mt of medium brown at NT\$16,747/mt (\$492/mt)  2,000 mt of long brown at NT\$16,313/mt (\$482/mt)	October 14  October 2  October 2	Short Grain-Australia  Medium Grain-U.S.  Long Grain-Thailand
8 <sup>th</sup> (GF4-92288, GF4-92-289 & GF4-92290)	8,000 mt of short brown at NT\$15,266/mt (\$449/mt)  10,068 mt of medium brown at NT\$16,730/mt (\$492/mt)  2,000 mt of long brown at NT\$15,688/mt (\$461/mt)	  October 22	Short Grain-Egypt  Medium Grain-U.S.  Long Grain-Thailand
2003 Total Quota	94,068 mt		

Note: Each public rice tender document number has a format for the year 2003 as GF4-92xxxx. For re-tender document, the document number will attach a dash with additional one digital, GF4-92xxxx-x. For example, GF4-920185-1 stands for the first time re-tendering of the 4<sup>th</sup> tender. If the 4<sup>th</sup> tender failed twice, the tender document number for the second time re-tendering of the 4<sup>th</sup> tender will be GF4-920185-2.